

NO OFFERS YET MADE

Germany Denies that America Refuses to Make Treaty.

DATA NOW BEING PREPARED

In View of Important Trade Relations German Authorities Foresee No Bar to Success of Commercial Treaty Negotiations Now Pending.

Cologne, Sept. 12.—The Cologne Gazette, in an inspired dispatch from Berlin, corrects a report cabled to one of the Berlin newspapers from New York asserting that President Roosevelt had written to Baron Speck von Sternberg, the German Ambassador at Washington, informing him that the concessions offered to the United States by Germany were insufficient to induce the United States government to make a commercial treaty with Germany, because the United States would be giving up more than it would receive. The paper denies that any such letter has been written of that Germany has already made such specific offers to the government at Washington.

The German authorities, the dispatch goes on to say, are working assiduously upon the preliminary preparations for treaty negotiations. Data regarding the wishes of interested parties are being collected and commissioners from several of the imperial Prussian ministries will soon begin work on this matter. The authorities will then decide definitely as to what position they will take in the forthcoming negotiations.

In conclusion the dispatch says: "In view of the extraordinary importance which German-American trade relations have for the business of the nations living on friendly footing with each other, one may reckon with confidence upon success in the making of a treaty which will form the basis of

amiable trade relations between Germany and the United States for many years.

PILOT COMMISSION MEETS.

The Oregon State Board of pilot commissioners convened here in regular session yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Commissioners Sylvester Farral, of Portland, and A. F. Pendleton and George Noland, of this city being present. The board audited all pending claims, and issued renewals of branches to Captain Thomas Crang and Capt. G. Reed. They then adjourned.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

At the Occident.
Frank White and wife, Spokane.
G. T. Goldthwaite, Portland.
Prof. K. M. Christiansen, Sioux Falls.
M. Troyer, Portland.
N. Wheelton, The Dalles.
W. B. Donaldson, Chinook, Wash.
F. Gordon, Lebam Wash.
M. Eastham, Portland
M. E. Bliss, Portland.
Mrs. B. F. Malloy, Portland.
Miss Grace Mowery, Chicago.
F. W. Evans and wife, Spokane.
F. Luckenbach, San Francisco.
Annie Ditchburn, Portland.
Dorris Clark, Portland.
R. S. Howard, jr., Portland.
R. J. McMahan, Portland
M. Fee and family, Portland.
Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Growell, Dillon, Montana.
Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Barker, Sheridan
M. C. Harrison, San Francisco,
J. A. Miller, Chicago.
J. J. Litchberger, Chicago.
H. H. Scovil, San Francisco.
J. E. Whitney and wife, Portland.
T. S. McCullough, Portland.

TODAY'S WEATHER.

Portland, Sept. 12.—Oregon, and Washington, Wednesday, showers.

Cheap Tickets to Philadelphia and Return.

The O. R. & N. Co. will sell roundtrip tickets from Astoria to Philadelphia, Pa., on September 7, 8, 9, 10, at a rate of \$89.50.

For further information inquire of G. W. ROBERTS, Agents.

FEW FEDERAL FINES

Uncle Sam Levied Sixteen Hundred Dollars Yesterday.

THREE STEAMERS INVOLVED

The Sue. H. Elmore, Five Hundred; The Newport and Tug Columbia in Like Sums, and John Doe, One Hundred—They May Be Remitted.

The collector of customs for the Port of Astoria has found it necessary to apply some of the penalties set up by the government for the alleged purpose of disciplining marine masters when they transgress the letter of their licenses or the prescribed limitations of the vessels they command.

The latest imposition of fines falls upon the following named vessels and masters, and in the sums set forth: The steamer Sue H. Elmore, \$500; Steamer Newport, \$500; steamer (tug) Columbia, \$500, and her acting first mate, \$100.

The alleged cause for the levying of these fines are: In the case of the Sue H. Elmore, carrying an excess of passengers over the limit of forty allowed her for daylight runs. Her ordinary limit is twenty-five. It is claimed at the custom house that she landed fifty-eight people at Tillamook, or eighteen in excess of her best privilege.

In the matter of the Newport the officers claim that she was duly inspected here prior to her last trip out, September 10, and condemned and for bidden to go to sea with freight passengers, but was given a special permit to proceed to her home-port, San Francisco, for repairs required of her. It is alleged she departed hence with a load of freight some two or three thousand bundles of shingles.

The Columbia case varies a bit. She is charged with unlawfully navigating the sea without her licensed complement of officers, her laches in this case being that she came here from Coos Bay last Sunday towing the Calender tug Cruiser, without a licensed first mate. The party who was doing duty as first mate aboard her at that time being the universally notorious "John Doe," who is charged with more crimes throughout Christendom than a nation of men could answer for, and in this occurrence is charged with performing the duties of a first mate without first securing a license therefor from his Uncle Samue', which oversight will cost him a cool hundred dollars, as decreed by the collector.

These aggregated fines of \$1600 will be duly and promptly paid by the owners of the several vessels, and the parties involved, unless within ten days they shall file with the department applications for the remission or abatement with such excuses or explanations as shall justify the department in so remitting or abating them.

A prominent officer of the Pacific Navigation company here, (the owners of the Sue H. Elmore) informed a reporter of the Astorian yesterday that there had been no practical infraction of the law in her case. She left Astoria on her last cruise to Tillamook with a passenger list well within her licensed number, but, on reaching Garibaldi, a way point within the sea points of Tillamook Bay, a lot of pic-nickers down there from the upper towns, friends and customers of the line, who think they own the Sue H. and take all sorts of liberties with her every time she enters the bay, boarded her for a ride up to the town, without the captain's knowledge or permission. They were not travellers by the steamer under the correct and rigid interpretation of her license, and there was no deliberate nor wanton breach of her franchise from the government.

It is an invariable custom down there for any and everyone to board her and ride from point to point and nothing has ever been thought of it, and certainly not a cold blooded evasion of the standards under which she has done business for years.

The way in which she came under the present charge and fine is a little unusual. Special Deputy Collector of Customs, F. L. Parker happened to be in Tillamook on his recent wheeling tour and at her dock when the Sue. H. tied up and sent fifty-eight people ashore over her gang way, a number he knew to be in excess of her daylight run license; and he simply did his duty in reporting the circumstances to his superior officer.

The agents here for the steamer Newport, informed the Astorian last night that the steamer did go south on the special permit as indicated, but that

the partial cargo taken on here was not in the way of direct shipment, but as ballast, without which she could not make her way anywhere and that she will be fully justified in the procedure when the matter is accounted for at headquarters.

What extenuating conditions exist in behalf of the tug Columbia and her officers, there is no one in the city to say. Hers is the plainest case of the three in point of conclusiveness, and yet perhaps sufficient may be offered, at the proper time and place to clear her of the penalty, and ooly poor "John Doe" be brought to book. He always is; it is his fate, and fate is hard to mollify especially when it is acting in conjunction with the big government.

The captains involved are: Paul Schroeder of the Sue H. Elmore; L. Snyder, of the Newport; and James Magee of the Columbia.

WILL IT HAPPEN.

A well known railroad man of this city spent Monday night with friends at Seaside and the all-engrossing topic of conversation at that usually happy little resort was a tidal wave due to reach this coast about 2 o'clock p. m. today. No one knows how the rumor started, nor who is responsible for it, but he says the interest in it and the possibilities with which it is fraught fairly possessed every one he met. Some laughed at it, some treated it guardedly and some were impressed to the point of hardly-concealed fear. It is easy to work up feeling on a basis like that. There are timid people everywhere.

ARMY BOARD TO ARRIVE.

The United States Army board which is now making a tour of the Pacific Coast inspecting the different publications with a view to future improvements are due to arrive here today or tomorrow, having left Seattle last night.

Attacked by a Mob

And beaten, in a labor riot, until covered with sores, a Chicago street car conductor applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and was soon sound and well. "I use it in my family," writes G. J. Welch of Tekonsha, Mich., "and find it perfect." Simply great for cuts and burns. Only 25c at Chas. Rogers' drug store.



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